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1. ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT (JAN 76) MONTHLY FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, JAPAN'S IMPORTS FROM EGYPT FELL FROM \$169 MILLION IN 1974 TO LESS THAN \$9 MILLION IN (JAN-NOV) 1975. THE DECLINE REPRESENTS ALMOST ENTIRELY THE REDUCTION OF EGYPTIAN RAW COTTON EXPORTS TO A MERE TRICKLE DURING A YEAR (1975) WHEN THE VALUE OF JAPANESE GLOBAL RAW COTTON IMPORTS DECLINED ONLY SLIGHTLY.

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2. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT EGYPTIAN COTTON EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE UNUSUALLY HIGH IN 1974, WE ARE STRUCK BY THE PRECIPITOUS DECLINE IN 1975. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE'S COMMENTS ON THESE STATISTICS AND ON THE PROSPECTS FOR A RECOVERY OF EGYPTIAN EXPORTS,RAW COTTON AS WELL AS OTHER PRODUCTS, TO JAPAN IN THE COMING YEAR. KISSINGER

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